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Abolition of district boards.

* 91 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have under consideration any proposal for the abolition of district boards; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government would publish full details of the proposal for eliciting public opinion?

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" (*a*) A suggestion whether the district boards should be abolished or retained is under the consideration of the Cabinet Sub-Committee.

" (*b*) The suggestion will be considered."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" What is wrong with the district boards, Sir, at the present time? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" The present district boards are under the administration of Special Officers."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" How long is it the intention of the Government to place these district boards under the Special Officers? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" That is why the Government is considering the settling up of this matter at an early date."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" What is so wrong with these district boards as they were formerly constituted that the Government are thinking of retaining or abolishing them and what is it that is basically wrong with them? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Due to the fact that the Panchayat Act is under consideration of the Government, simultaneously the Government are taking up the question whether the district boards should be retained or not."

DR. SIR A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Will the Government give this House an opportunity to discuss the subject before they make up their minds on thsi question? "

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" **I have no objection, Sir.**"

The working of the Co-operative Banks in the Rayalaseema and Chittoor districts.

* 92 *Q.*—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madras have appointed the Rayalaseema Enquiry Committee to make a thorough enquiry into the working of Co-operative Banks in Rayalaseema and Chittoor districts;

(*b*) when was the Committee appointed and when it submitted its report;